EASTERN TULE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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Trevor Joseph, GGM Section Chief STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 94236
Sacramento, CA 94236

Subject:

Notification of Intent to Develop a Groundwater Sustainable Plan

Dear Mr. Joseph:

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10727.8, and California Code of Regulations Section 353.6, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is hereby given notice that the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainable Agency (ETGSA) intends to commence with the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the agency's service area within the Tule Subbasin (Basin Number 5-22.13 DWR Bulletin 118). The ETGSA is an exclusive GSA effective June 6, 2017. The GSP will be one of multiple plans implemented by multiple groundwater sustainable agencies and coordinated pursuant to a single coordination agreement compliant with Section 10727.6 that covers the entire Tule Subbasin.

The ETGSA Board has selected members of the Executive Committee and Stakeholder Committee in accordance with the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority Agreement. The Executive Committee is comprised of staff members of the Member agencies of the JPA. The Executive Committee's role involves support in preparing the GSP and reporting progress to the GSA Board. Interested parties and the public are encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings. The ETGSA has also formed a Stakeholder Committee comprised of members falling within the categories of interested persons or representatives of interested entities as described in SGMA. The Stakeholder Committee will specifically be asked to engage on issues related to GSP preparation

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and implementation. This committee may also spearhead other outreach efforts to encourage participation from diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population in development and implementation of a GSP.

The ETGSA Board meets at 2:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Porterville City Council Chambers (City Hall, 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257). The Executive Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month in the Coleman Conference Room at Porterville City Hall. Scheduled meetings involving the Stakeholder Committee will be established relatively soon. All meetings are public meetings and the public is encouraged to attend and participate in the GSP development and implementation process. Also, the ETGSA has developed and continues to maintain a list of interested parties pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.2. The ETGSA will notify interested parties of all meetings, but especially those related to GSP development and implementation. Lastly, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 353.6, information about SGMA updates and GSP process are available at the ETGSA website:

www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/PublicWorks/easterntulegsa.cfm.

The ETGSA looks forward to working collaboratively with DWR on developing and implementing a GSP. Should DWR have any questions about this notice, please contact Michael K. Reed, by phone at (559) 782-7462, or by e-mail at: mreed@ci.porterville.ca.us.

Sincerely;

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainable Agency

Secretary to the Board

Cc:

California Public Utility Commission